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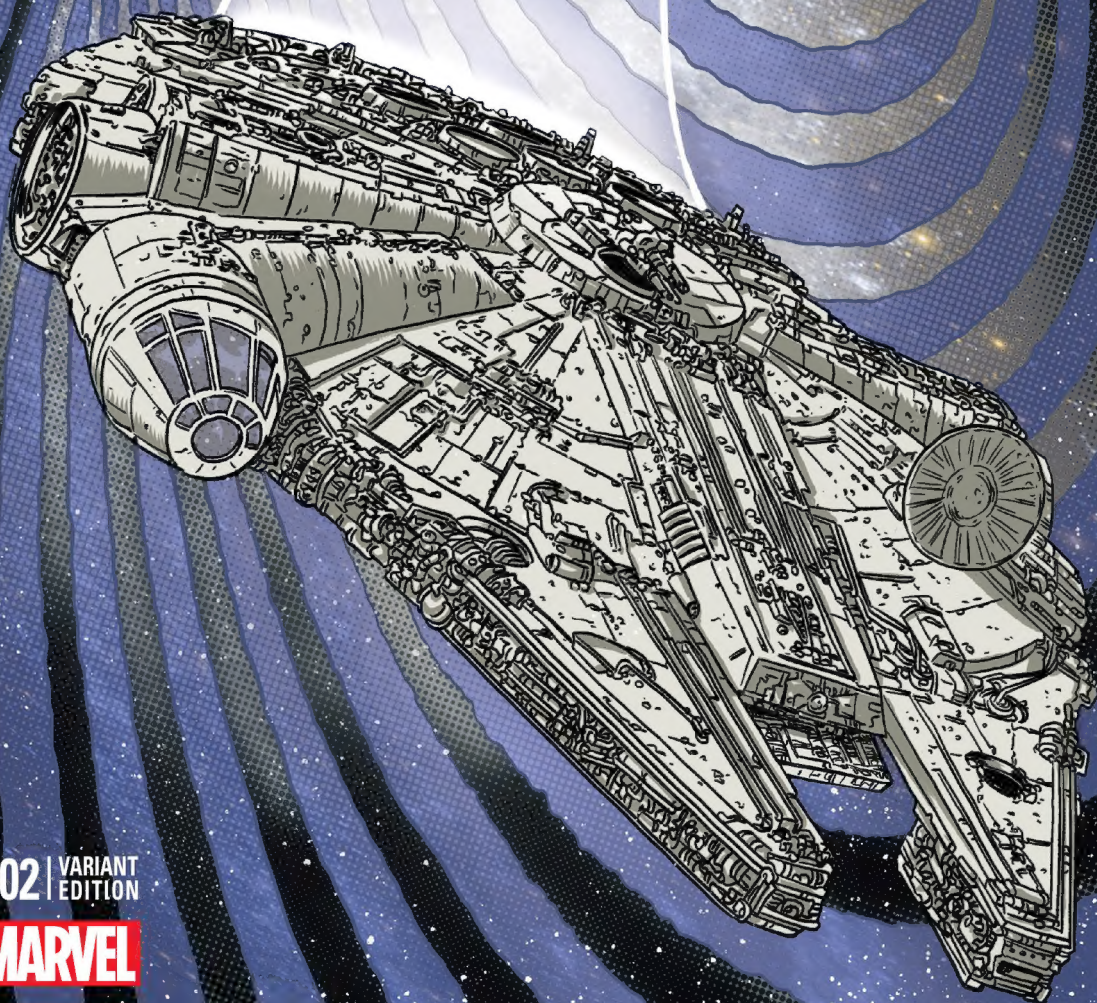
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Part II

It is a period of unrest. In a galaxy oppressed by the Empire's merciless cruelty, there is little hope for the future. Nonetheless, rebels have banded together to fight back against such corruption.

Untrusting by nature, Han Solo has taken a step back from the rebel cause, returning his focus to what he does best – smuggling. However, when Princess Leia approaches him with an offer too good to refuse, Han finds himself once again working for the Rebellion alongside his co-pilot, Chewbacca.

His mission is racing the Millennium Falcon in one of the most notorious races in the galaxy, the Dragon Void, as a cover to find a mysterious rebel spy who may have turned traitor. But with the race's explosive start, Han discovers he may be in for more than he bargained for....

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WE'RE COMING TO
YOU LIVE FROM THE
DRAGON'S NEST ITSELF,
AND WE'RE CERTAIN ALL
OF YOU WATCHING THE
RACE ARE IN STUNNED
DISBELIEF.

THE FIRST
OBSTACLE
HAS BEEN
SPRUNG...

...AND THE
RESULTS AREN'T
PRETTY.

THAT'S RIGHT! THERE'S
NEVER BEEN SO MUCH
DESTRUCTION RIGHT
FROM THE START. THE RACE
DESIGNERS MAY HAVE
OUTDONE THEMSELVES
THIS TIME!

WILL ANY OF THE
PILOTS MAKE IT TO
THE NEXT STAGE...OR
WILL THE DRAGON
VOID BE OVER AS
SOON AS IT
BEGAN?



LOOK AT THAT
TIGHT FLYING! DELAN
VOOK IS GOING
STRONG--BUT THE
MINES ARE STILL
GAINING.



I...AM...
VEXED.

OH! THE STARSHOT
TEAM HAS BEEN HIT!
WILL IT BE ENOUGH
TO TAKE THEM OUT
OF THE RACE?



THERE ARE
TOO MANY OF
THEM, SOTNA!

YOU HAVE TO
USE THE PULSE,
NOW! THAT'S THE
ONLY THING
THAT'LL GET US
OUT OF HERE!

WE'LL NEED
IT LATER IN THE
VASTS.

NOT IF WE
DON'T SURVIVE
THIS!



THEY'RE
ANOTHER FAVORITE
THAT SEEMS TO BE
FALTERING.



WHOA! THERE
GOES THE STARSHOT
TEAM, WITH A SPECIAL
TRICK UP THEIR
SLEEVES!



CHZZZ

CHZZZ

CHZZZ

CHZZZ

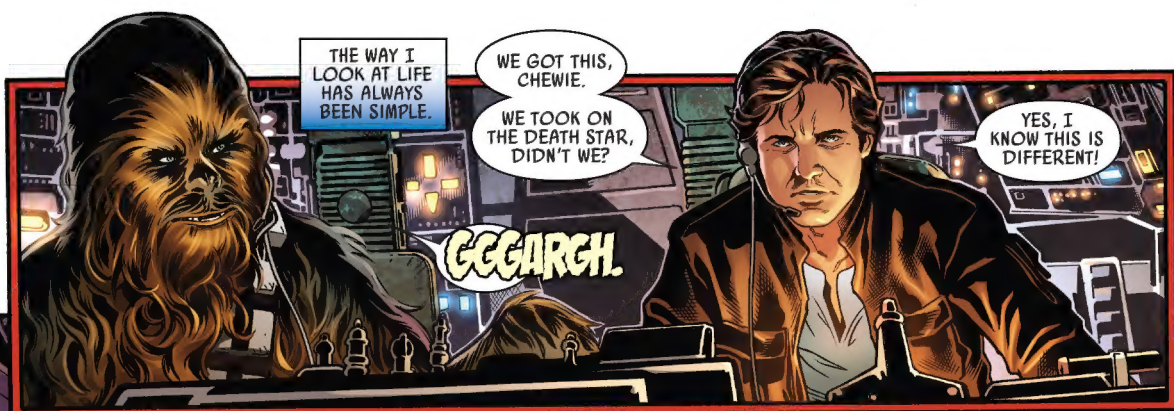
CHZZZ

DON'T LOOK
LIKE ANY OF THE
OTHER PILOTS
HAD THEIR
FORESIGHT.

OR MAYBE THERE'S
MORE HERE THAN MEETS
THE EYE. LOO RE ANNO,
AFTER ALL, HASN'T LOST
HER COOL, SHE ISN'T EVEN
RUNNING HER ENGINES...MAYBE
SHE KNOWS SOMETHING
THE OTHER PILOTS
DON'T?

PATIENCE,
MY FRIENDS.
I PROMISE
YOU, ALL IS
WELL.

EVEN IN
A RACE, YOU
CANNOT
RUSH.



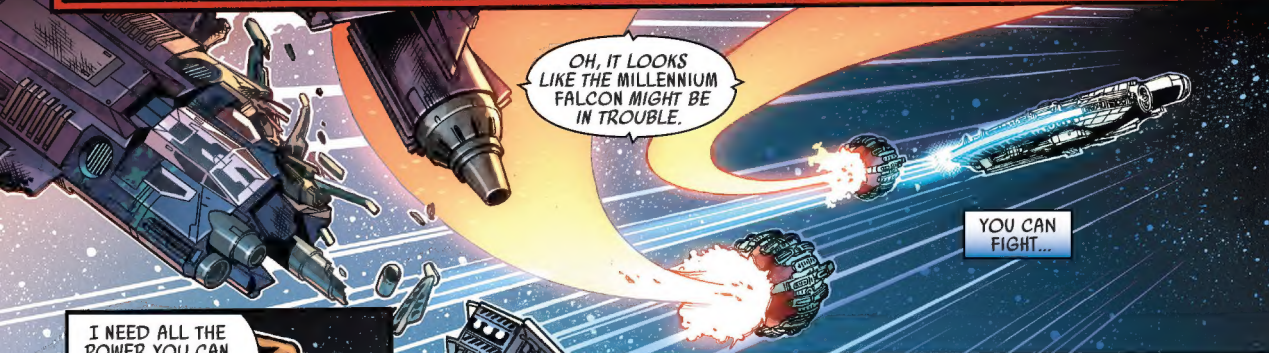
THE WAY I
LOOK AT LIFE
HAS ALWAYS
BEEN SIMPLE.

WE GOT THIS,
CHEWIE.

WE TOOK ON
THE DEATH STAR,
DIDN'T WE?

YES, I
KNOW THIS IS
DIFFERENT!

GGGARCH.



OH, IT LOOKS
LIKE THE MILLENNIUM
FALCON MIGHT BE
IN TROUBLE.

YOU CAN
FIGHT...



I NEED ALL THE
POWER YOU CAN
GIVE ME, CHEWIE!
THESE THINGS ARE
FASTER THAN TIE
FIGHTERS!

...YOU CAN
RUN...



IF THE TOP PILOTS
IN THE GALAXY CAN'T
MAKE IT PAST THIS FIRST
OBSTACLE...HOW CAN
SOME UNKNOWN LIKE
HAN SOLO HAVE A
CHANCE?

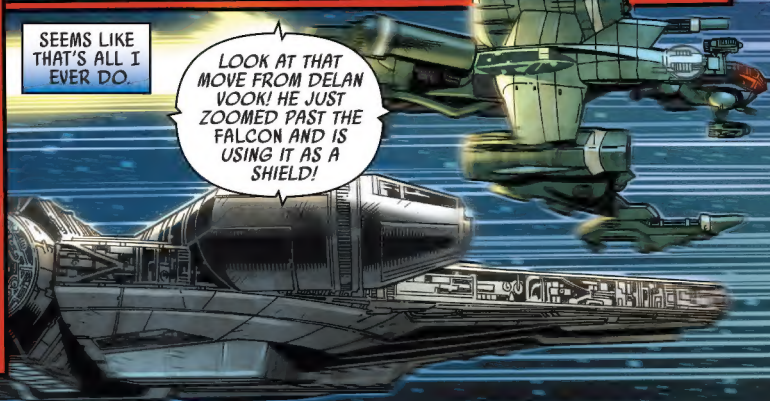
...OR YOU
CAN DIE.



DYING AIN'T AN OPTION. WHICH
MEANS I'VE GOTTEN REAL GOOD
AT FIGHTING AND RUNNING.

ARRRGGGH!

WHAT DO
YOU MEAN,
WE'VE GOT
MORE
COMPANY?



SEEMS LIKE
THAT'S ALL I
EVER DO.

LOOK AT THAT
MOVE FROM DELAN
VOOK! HE JUST
ZOOMED PAST THE
FALCON AND IS
USING IT AS A
SHIELD!

NEVER THOUGHT
MUCH ABOUT IT.

WHAT'S DELAN
VOOK DOING NOW?
IS HE--NO, HE
WOULDN'T--

UNTIL
RECENTLY.

YES! HE'S FIRING
ON THOSE PROBES!
AND HE DOESN'T SEEM
TO CARE IF THE
FALCON GETS HIT,
TOO!

WHEN I STARTED TURNING
DOWN GOOD JOBS. JUST BECAUSE
OF A BAD FEELING IN MY GUT.

OH,
NO YOU
DON'T...YOU
DIRTY...

NO ONE
FIRES AT MY
SHIP.

BUT I DIDN'T
TURN THIS
DOWN.

HAN SOLO HAS
JUST CLIPPED VOOK'S
SHIP! TAKING HIM
OUT, AT LEAST
TEMPORARILY!

I DON'T
KNOW WHAT'S
MORE DANGEROUS,
THE PILOTS OR
THE OBSTACLE
COURSE!

IT PAYS
NOTHING.

HA!

PROBABLY
WILL GET ME
KILLED.

AND I'VE
NEVER FELT
MORE ALIVE

THERE'S NO
WAY ANY OF US
ARE GOING TO
MAKE IT.

BUT THAT
DOESN'T MAKE
SENSE...

...WHO DESIGNS
A RACE THAT KILLS
ALL THE RACERS?



UNLESS...



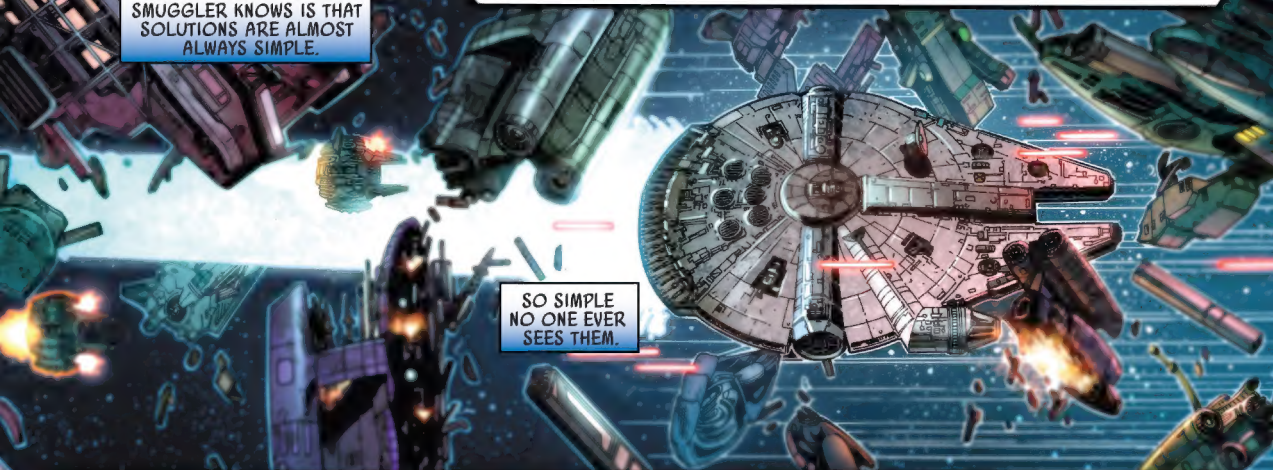
NAH...
...THAT
CAN'T BE...
...CAN
IT?

THE ONE THING A GOOD
SMUGGLER KNOWS IS THAT
SOLUTIONS ARE ALMOST
ALWAYS SIMPLE.



NARRRRCH!

I SEE
THEM, I SEE
THEM!



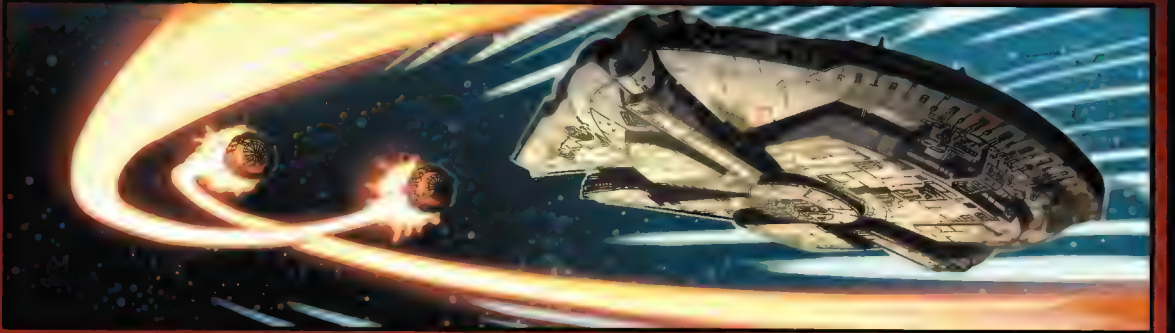
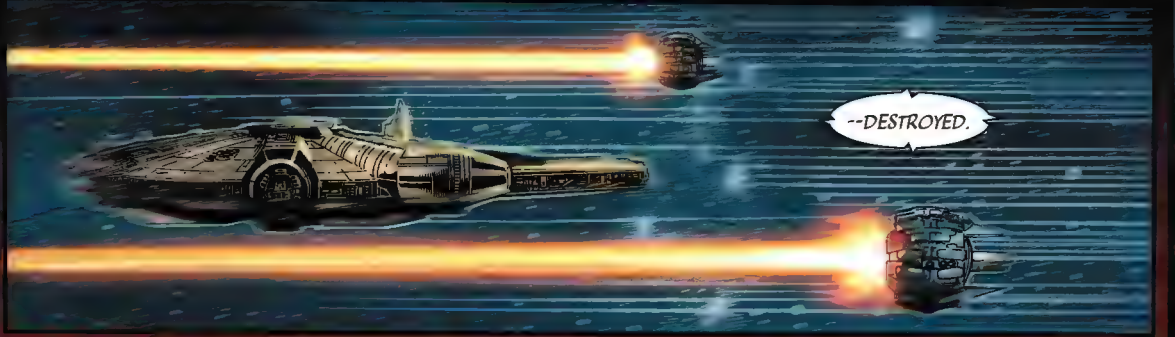
SO SIMPLE
NO ONE EVER
SEES THEM.



TURN OFF
THE ENGINES,
CHEWIE!

GGARRCH?

DO IT!





THOSE MINES
ARE ONLY ATTACKING
RACERS THAT ARE
POWERED UP.

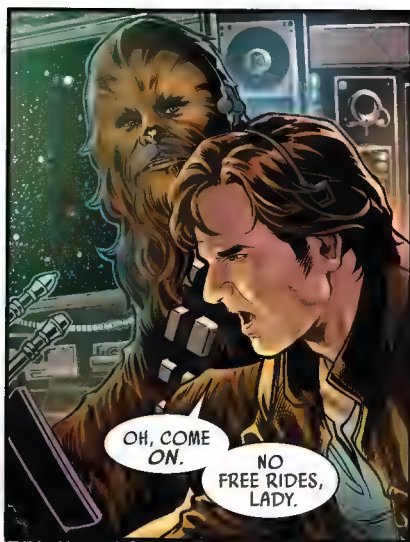
ALL THOSE
DISABLED SHIPS
ARE JUST SITTING
THERE BEING IGNORED.
WE'RE GOING TO
PLAY DEAD, TOO.



"WE'RE GOING TO
USE OUR MOMENTUM
TO COAST RIGHT
OUT OF HERE."

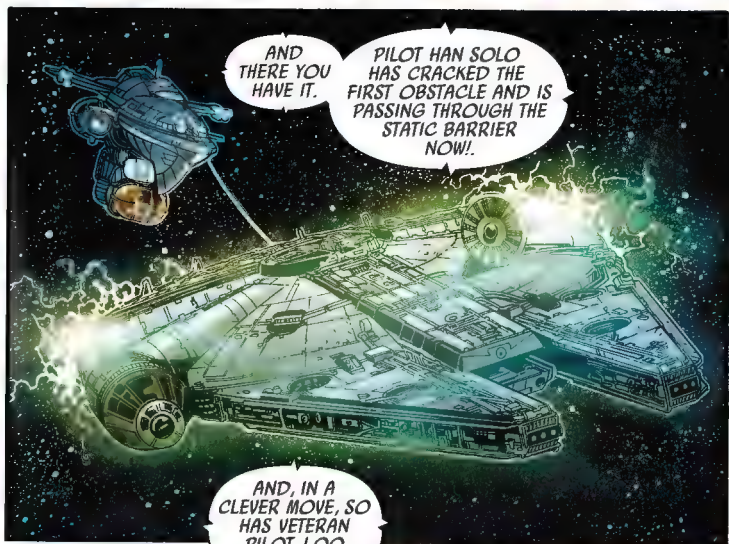


YOU
SEE? ALL IS
WELL.



OH, COME
ON.

NO
FREE RIDES,
LADY.



AND
THERE YOU
HAVE IT.

PILOT HAN SOLO
HAS CRACKED THE
FIRST OBSTACLE AND IS
PASSING THROUGH THE
STATIC BARRIER
NOW!

AND, IN A
CLEVER MOVE, SO
HAS VETERAN
PILOT, LOO RE ANNO.



GREAT WORK
FOR A HUMAN WHO
IS RACING FOR THE
FIRST TIME IN THE
DRAGON VOID.

JUST GOES
TO SHOW THAT NO
ONE CAN BE
UNDERESTIMATED
IN THIS RACE.



MY THANKS,
PILOT SOLO.

DON'T THANK
ME, LADY. REALLY,
DON'T THANK ME.



THE RACE IS ON
AGAIN, BUT LOOK AT
THE CARNAGE. IT'S BEEN
YEARS SINCE AN OBSTACLE
HAS TAKEN OUT SO
MANY RACERS.



FOUR SHIPS
ARE BATTLING
TO WIN THE
STAGE.



IN TWO
HUNDRED YEARS
WE'VE NEVER SEEN
SUCH A TIGHT RACE
THIS EARLY IN THE
COMPETITION.

THESE PILOTS
ARE IN FOR THE
FLIGHT OF THEIR
LIVES.



THAT LOUSY, NO GOOD...



ARRRGCH! NNNNARCH
GGAAAARRCH!

I KNOW,
CHEWIE.

I HAVEN'T FORGOTTEN WHY WE'RE HERE. BUT I'M NOT GOING TO LET THAT...PANTORAN PLAYBOY...GET AWAY WITH SHOOTING AT MY SHIP.

I HAVE A REPUTATION, YOU KNOW.



GO AHEAD, I'LL CATCH UP.

THIS ISN'T GOING TO TAKE LONG.



HEY!
YOU!

NNNNARCH!











WE TOLD YOU
THE DRAGON VOID IS
UNPREDICTABLE...

...BUT IT APPEARS
THE EMPIRE HAS
DECIDED TO STEP IN
ON THE ACTION...

...BY
STOPPING THE
ACTION.

THIS IS SUCH
NONSENSE!

WHAT ARE
THEY DOING,
ARRESTING THE
PILOTS IN THE MIDDLE
OF THE RACE? WHAT,
THE SHIPS WERE
TOO FAST?

STUPID,
STUPID. I
SHOULD HAVE
KNOWN...

STORMTROOPERS.
NO BRAINS INSIDE
THOSE HELMETS.

SIT
DOWN,
BOT.

OH.
NO.

HUH.



YOU'RE NOT WHO I EXPECTED. I HAVEN'T SEEN A WOOKIEE IN YEARS. STILL, I HEARD THAT WHERE SOLO GOES, YOU GO.

I HOPE YOU'VE BEEN ENJOYING THE RACE.



BOT...MMMPPH...IS ALL YOURS. TAKE GOOD... MMMPPH... CARE OF HIM.

WHAT?

MMPPH.



ARE YOU INSANE, GREDO? YOU CAN'T TRUST THIS...THIS THING! HE'LL EAT ME!

NO WAY AM I GOING ANYWHERE WITH HIM. BESIDES, IT'S YOUR JOB TO PROTECT ME. YOU KNOW I'M IN DANGER.

AND YOU'RE DOING A GREAT JOB OF NOT BRINGING ATTENTION TO YOURSELF.



LISTEN, I WAS ASKED TO DELIVER YOU TO THE CONTACT. AND I DID.

DON'T BE SO AFRAID. CHEWBACCA HAS A REPUTATION. HE'LL KEEP YOU SAFE.

UNLESS HE GETS HUNGRY.



GGGNNAAARRH!



LOOK! IT'S HIM!
THE CO-PILOT OF
THE FALCON!

WHAT WOULD
HE BE DOING
OUT HERE?

THE FALCON IS MY
FAVORITE SHIP IN THIS
RACE. PILOT SOLO ISN'T ONE
OF THOSE FANCY-PANTS.



I WON'T DO IT.
THIS IS INSANE. I
DON'T EVEN KNOW
YOU. HOW DOES
ANYONE EXPECT ME TO
JUST PUT EVERYTHING
IN THE HANDS OF A...
A STRANGER?

YOU HAVE NO
IDEA WHAT'S AT
STAKE. SO MANY
LIVES--THERE HAS
TO BE A BETTER
WAY--



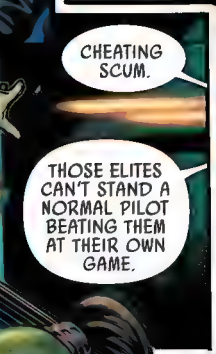
I'LL
STOP TALKING
NOW.



PEW!
PEW!



CHEWBACCA,
JUST WALK AWAY.
I'M NOT HERE
FOR YOU.





LET THE PILOTS GO!

DRA-GON VOID!

DRA-GON VOID!

BE SILENT!



DO YOU KNOW WHO I AM?! I DEMAND YOU RELEASE ME!

WELL, THIS IS JUST GREAT.

GET YOUR HANDS OFF ME.

INDEED. THIS IS NOT HOW I EXPECTED TO RUN MY LAST RACE.

BUT THEN, THE RACE IS LIFE... AND LIFE IS UNPREDICTABLE, IS IT NOT?

IF YOU SAY SO.



AND WHO TOLD YOU TO SPY ON ME? MIND YOUR OWN BUSINESS, LADY. KEEP YOUR TECH WHERE IT BELONGS.

CHZZZ

YOU HAVE IT ALL WRONG, PILOT SOLO.



THAT IS NOT A PIECE OF TECHNOLOGY.

NOR A SPY.



CHZZZ

IT SIMPLY...LIKES YOU.





WE DONT
WANT TO SPILL
ANY BLOOD
ON CAMERA,
DO WE?

TO BE CONTINUED...

HAN SOLO

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and we want to hear from you!
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